IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC P.O. Box 19928 Alexandria, Virginia 22320

Telephone: (703) 836-6400 Facsimile: (703) 836-2787

Customer Number: 25944

Attorney Docket No.: 108973

Date: March 19, 2001

11040 U.S. PT 09/810534 03/19/01

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL RULE §1.53(b)

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title):

OPERATING METHOD AND DEVICE, AND IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS

USING THE SAME

By (Inventors):

Masahiro MACHIDA and Tatsuhiko SAITOH

\triangle	romai drawings (Figs. 1-20; 20 sheets) are attached.
	Use Figure for front page of Publication.
\boxtimes	A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.
\boxtimes	An assignment of the invention to <u>FUJI XEROX CO., LTD.</u> is filed herewith.
\boxtimes	An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.
	Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.
	A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.
	Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence This nonprovisional application claims
	the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No, filed
\boxtimes	Priority of foreign applications No. 2000-084974 filed March 24, 2000 in JAPAN and No. 2000-085025 filed
	March 24, 2000 in JAPAN are claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).
	Certified copies of the above corresponding foreign applications are filed herewith.
	This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 112(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies
_	that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in
	another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after
	filing.
\boxtimes	The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS IN THE APPLICATION AFTER ENTRY OF ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT NOTED ABOVE

FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA		
BASIC FEE				
TOTAL CLAIMS	22 - 20	= 2		
INDEP CLAIMS	8 - 3	= 5		
☐ MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED				

^{*} If the difference is less than zero, enter "0".

SMALL ENTITY				
RATE	FEE	<u>OR</u>		
	\$ 355	<u>OR</u>		
x 9=	\$	<u>OR</u>		
x 40 =	\$	<u>OR</u>		
+ 135 =	\$	<u>OR</u>		
TOTAL	\$	<u>OR</u>		
ing fee is attached. Except as of				

OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE
	\$ 710
x 18	\$ 36
x 80	\$ 400
+ 270	\$
TOTAL	\$ 1146

Check No. <u>117265</u> in the amount of \$1,146 to cover the filing fee is attached. Except as otherwise noted herein, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this sheet are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Oliff

Registration No. 27,075

Thomas J. Pardini Registration No. 30,411